

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on African Trade/Caribbean Basin Initiative.

The House passed H.R. 701, Conservation and Reinvestment Act

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3857–S3929

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2542–2548, S. Res. 305–307, and S. Con. Res. 112. **Page S3916**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Report to accompany S. 2521, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (S. Rept. No. 106–290).

Report to accompany S. 2522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (S. Rept. No. 106–291). **Page S3915**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 112, to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 434. **Page S3928**

African Trade/Caribbean Basin Initiative—Conference Report: By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, expand trade benefits to the countries in the Caribbean Basin, renew the generalized system of preferences, and reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance programs, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3858–80**

During consideration of this measure, the Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 97), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 434 (listed above). **Pages S3860–61**

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 2521, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages S3880–82, S3887–93**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, May 16, 2000. **Pages S3862–63**

Senate will continue debate only on the bill on Monday, May 15, 2000.

Committee Authority: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the recess of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services be permitted to file the Department of Defense Authorization bill and report at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 12, 2000. **Page S3927**

Appointment:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Mississippi and Louisiana, May 19–22, 2000: Senators Grassley, DeWine, Grams, Collins, Voinovich, Leahy, Breaux, and Akaka. **Pages S3927–28**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Barry Edward Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John W. Darrah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Joan Humphrey Lefkow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ricardo Morado, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Michael J. Reagan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, vice an additional position created December 10, 1999.

George Z. Singal, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Mark S. Wrighton, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S3861, S3874**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3928.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard Court Houseworth, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal De-

posit Insurance Corporation, and Nuria I. Fernandez, of Illinois, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Houseworth was introduced by Senator Kyl and former Senator DeConcini, and Mr. Fernandez was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

PIPELINE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation reauthorizing funds for programs of the Pipeline Safety Act, focusing on the natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline transportation industry safety, federal regulation adequacy, and additional safeguards, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Representatives Metcalf and Inslee; Kelley S. Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; John A. Hammerschmidt, Member, National Transportation Safety Board; William J. Haener, CMS Gas Transmission and Storage, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; Phillip D. Wright, Williams Energy Services, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines and the American Petroleum Institute; Charles R. Kenow, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, St. Paul, on behalf of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives; Richard Reiten, Northwest Natural, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the American Gas Association; James M. Pates, City of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Virginia, on behalf of the National Pipeline Reform Coalition; and Mayor Mark Asmundson, Frank King, Mary King, Marlene Robinson, Bruce Brabec, and Katherine Dalen, all of Bellingham, Washington.

NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1367, to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary, S. 1617, to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, S. 1670, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, S. 2020, to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, S. 2478, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America, and S.

2485, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine, after receiving testimony from Senators Cochran, DeWine, and Collins; Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Nancy Foner, State University of New York, Purchase, on behalf of the American Anthropological Association; and Arnoldo Ramos, Council of Latino Agencies, and Dorothy I. Height, National Council of Negro Women, on behalf of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, both of Washington, D.C.

COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2437, to approve the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan by providing for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and authorizing the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after receiving testimony from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Gary S. Guzy, General Counsel, Environmental Protection Agency; Mary Doyle, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Florida Governor Jeb Bush, Tallahassee; Patricia Power, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood, Florida; Dexter Lehtinen, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Miami, on behalf of the Governor's Commission on the Everglades and the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force; Michael Collins, South Florida Water Management District, Islamorada; Ken Keck, Florida Citrus Mutual, Lakeland; David E. Guggenheim, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Naples, on behalf of the Everglades Coalition.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Aus-

tralia, John R. Dinger, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Susan S. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, and Michael J. Senko, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Gnehm was introduced by Senators Enzi and Hollings.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kent J. Dawson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Nicholas G. Garaufis, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Phyllis J. Hamilton, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Roger L. Hunt, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Gerard E. Lynch, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Donnie R. Marshall, of Texas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Department of Justice, Audrey G. Fleissig, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, Steven S. Reed, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Donald W. Horton, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, E. Douglas Hamilton, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky, and Jose Antonio Perez, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California.

Also, Committee approved a resolution for issuance of a document subpoena to the Department of Justice regarding Loral Hughes pursuant to Rule 26.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4423–4424, 4426–4443; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 322–325, were introduced. **Page H2966**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–614). **Pages H2965–66**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Robert Rosenberg of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. **Page H2907**

Conservation and Reinvestment Act: The House passed H.R. 701, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people by a recorded vote of 315 ayes to 102 noes, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2907–52**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H2946**

Agreed to the DeFazio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Resources with instructions to report it back with an amendment that restricts funding if it diminishes the benefit obligations of Social Security and Medicare by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 178. Subsequently, the Committee on Resources reported the bill back with an amendment that prohibits funding that would diminish Social Security and Medicare benefit obligations. **Pages H2946–51**

Agreed To:

Hill amendment, as modified, that requires the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to develop a plan for the acquisition and disposal of lands in Montana; **Pages H2916–18**

Buyer amendment that disallows wildlife conservation organizations from using Federal funds for the purchase of conservation easements; **Pages H2918–20**

Udall of Colorado amendment that allows funding for the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 306 ayes to 116 noes, Roll No. 174); **Pages H2921–23, H2929–30**

Rejected:

Peterson of Pennsylvania amendment that sought to restrict Federal acquisition of lands to designated boundaries within USDA administered recreation areas or units of the National Park, Wilderness Preservation, Wildlife Refuge, Forest, Trails, or Wild and Scenic Rivers systems (rejected by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 166); **Page H2908**

Chambliss amendment that sought to shift the beginning date that mandatory spending for programs in the bill begins from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2006 (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 281 noes, Roll No. 167); **Pages H2908–09**

Chenoweth-Hage amendment that sought to strike language dealing with a coastal subdivision in the State of California (rejected by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 168); **Pages H2909–10**

Hastings of Washington amendment that sought to require that at least 50 percent of the Federal portion be used for maintenance operations of Federal lands (rejected by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 169); **Pages H2010–11**

Sweeney amendment that sought to prohibit a State from acquiring land if the local government has disapproved the acquisition (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 170); **Page H2911**

Simpson amendment that sought to require that the Federal government either dispose of an equal amount of land or obtain legislative approval from the State when acquiring land in a state in which 50 percent or more of the land is owned by the Federal government (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 171); **Pages H2911–12**

Calvert amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for adverse condemnation of property (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 172); **Pages H2913–16, H2928**

Chenoweth-Hage amendment that sought to strike Wildlife Conservation and Restoration definitions in the bill (rejected by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 173); **Pages H2920–21, H2928–29**

Gibbons amendment that sought to allow the Bureau of Land Management to auction public land identified for disposal in Land Management Plans (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 175); **Pages H2923–26, H2930**

Ose amendment, as modified, that sought to restrict the use of funds to grants that provide assistance to incorporated cities and counties with populations of 100,000 or more (rejected by a recorded vote of 56 ayes to 365 noes, Roll No. 176); and

Pages H2926–27, H2930–31

Thornberry amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strengthen private property rights, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) programs, maintenance in public parks, and makes funding discretionary for the first five years the bill is enacted (rejected by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 177).

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H. Res. 497, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 10. Pursuant to the rule, the text of H.R. 4377, was made in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Late Reports: The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence received permission to have until midnight on Friday, May 12 to file a report on H.R. 4392, Intelligence Authorization; and the Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, May 12 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 15.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, May 15: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15 for morning hour debate.

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Meeting Hour—Wednesday, May 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, for the purpose of receiving former Members of Congress.

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Receiving Former Members of Congress in the Chamber: Agreed that it may be in order on Wednesday, May 17, for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving former Members of Congress in the House Chamber.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 17.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2908, H2909, H2909–10, H2910–11, H2911, H2912, H2928, H2928–29, H2929–30, H2930, H2930–31, H2945–46, H2951, and H2951–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and ordered reported the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

CHINA—PERMANENT NORMAL RELATIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Permanent Normal Relations for China: Impact on U.S. Financial Community. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

NEW ELECTRONIC MARKET COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on Competition in the New Electronic Market: Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 3250, Health Care Fairness Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Watts of Oklahoma, Jackson of Illinois, Hayworth, Underwood and Rodriguez; David Satcher, U.S. Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; E. Anne Peterson, M.D., Health Commissioner, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Authorization of the National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress, and National Assessment Governing Board. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Ward, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Non-Response Follow-up and Other Key Operations. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO.

DRUG SENTENCING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Drug Sentencing Policies and Practices. Testimony was heard from John Steer, Commissioner, U.S. Sentencing Commission; the following officials of the Department of Justice: John Roth, Chief, Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section; and Thomas Kane, Assistant Director, Information Policy and Public Affairs, Bureau of Prisons; George Allen, former Governor, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Current Challenges to State Department Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General; David Carpenter, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security; and Stapleton Roy, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Intelligence and Research; and Tim Breznay, National Security Division, FBI, Department of Justice.

MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOURCING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4391, Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act.

MILITARY EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ACT; VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; and H.R. 1248, Violence Against Women Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 894, No Second Chances for Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act of 1999; H.R. 4045, Matthew's Law; H.R. 4047, Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act; and H.R. 4147, Stop Material Unsuitable for Teens Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Green of Wisconsin, Salmon and Tancredo; Mike Lawlor, Representative, Assembly, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

VALLES CALDERA PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3288, Valles Caldera Preservation Act. Testimony was heard from James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural

Resources and the Environment, USDA; Larry Finfer, Assistant Director, Communications, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the State of New Mexico: Jeannette Wallace, Representative; and Robert Gibson, County Councilor, Los Alamos; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to correct a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P31, located near the city of Mexico Beach, Florida; and H.R. 4318, Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCrery, McHugh, Peterson of Minnesota, Boyd and Dickey; Daniel M. Ashe, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LAKE TAHOE RESTORATION ACT; COMMUNITY FOREST RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3388, Lake Tahoe Restoration Act; and S. 1288, Community Forest Restoration Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Gibbons; Randy Phillips, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COLORADO UTE SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3023, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry; H.R. 4132, to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; and S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 3112, Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS
MILLENNIUM EDUCATION ACT**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported H.R. 4268, Veterans and Dependents Millennium Education Act.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology (IT) program. Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; Harold F. Gracey, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Technology; Dan L. Marsh, Associate Chief Information Officer, Implementation and Training; Veterans Health Administration; K. Adair Martinez, Chief Information Officer and Charles R. DeCoste, Director, Data Management Office, both with the Veterans Benefits Administration; and Vincent L. Barile, Director, Operations Support, National Cemetery Administration.

**ADMINISTRATION'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG
PROPOSAL**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Administration's prescription drug proposal. Testimony was heard from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; and William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, GAO.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS—INCREASING
USE AND MISUSE**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings to examine the increasing use and misuse of Social Security numbers. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Kleczka, Markey, Hostettler and Paul; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 12, 2000**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on the nomination of Amy L. Comstock, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 15 through May 20, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume debate on S. 2521, Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2521, Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 at 2:15 p.m.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: May 16, to hold hearings on the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5033: Adm. Vernon E. Clark, to be Admiral, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 16, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on HUD's single family management and marketing contracts, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 16, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Maritime Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 16, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's proposed transportation policy, 3 p.m., SD-366.

May 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 17, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the operation, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, of the Flathead Irrigation Project in Montana, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 2439, to authorize the appropriation of funds for the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie system; and the nomination of Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 18, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1584, to establish the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania; S. 1685, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area; H.R. 2932, to authorize the Golden Spike Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area; S. 1998, to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage

Area; S. 2247, to establish the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia; S. 2421, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts; and S. 2511, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 16, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the Army Corps of Engineer's backlog of authorized projects and the future of the Army Corps of Engineer's mission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 17, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, focusing on an incentive-based utility emissions reduction approach, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

May 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on S. 2417, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 17, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation extending Permanent Normal Trading Relations to China, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 16, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Commission for International Freedom's findings on Russia, China, and Sudan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 17, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold oversight hearings to examine satellite export controls, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 16, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine long term care insurance for federal employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 18, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on issues relating to training Federal employees, focusing on Federal agency's programs to train and educate employees throughout their careers to maintain their skills and productivity, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 19, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the extent to which fraud and criminal activities are affecting commerce on the internet, focusing on the widespread availability of false identification documents and credentials on the internet and the criminal uses to which such identification is put, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 18, to hold hearings to examine mental health parity, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 17, to hold oversight hearings on Indian arts and crafts programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan project; and S. 1658, to authorize

the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 16, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings to examine threats to Federal Law Enforcement Officers, 2 p.m., SD-226.

May 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine internet security and privacy, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 17, to hold hearings on pending business, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 17, hearing to review the Administration's proposal for permanent normal trade relations with China, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 16, to mark up the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 16, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on improving regulation of the housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 17, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1161, Financial Contract Netting Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 4209, Bank Reserves Modernization Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, May 18, Health Task Force, hearing on "Medicare's Regulatory Burden on Providers", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, May 16, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Consumer Safety Initiatives: Protecting the Vulnerable, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 4145, Child Passenger Protection Act of 2000; H.R. 2592, to amend the Consumer Products Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act; and H.R. 3032, National Amusement Park Ride Safety Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 16, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Ritalin Use Among Youth: Examining the Issues and Concerns, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 16, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation—Still More Questions than Answers, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, oversight hearing of the State Department: Is Management Getting Results? 1 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 16, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade,

hearing on Conducting Business in Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 17, full Committee, hearing on the Status of Embassy Security Enhancements, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the U.S. and the Caribbean in the New Millennium: What is the Agenda? 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 18, full Committee, hearing on Looming Famine in Ethiopia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 17, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 4267, Internet Tax Reform and Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 3590, ADA Notification Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 18, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Privacy and Electronic Communications, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 16, to mark up H.R. 3605, San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Act; followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 946, Graton Rancheria Restoration Act; H.R. 2671, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska Development Trust Fund Act; and H.R. 4148, Tribal Contract Support Cost Technical Amendments of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 16, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3657, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California; H.R. 3817, to redesignate the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness Area of Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado as the "Jaryd Atadero Legacy Trail"; H.R. 4226, Black Hills National Forest and Rocky Mountain Research Station Improvement Act; S. 439, to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada; H.R. 3388, Lake Tahoe Restoration Act; S. 1374, Jackson Multi-Agency Campus Act of 1999; and S. 1288, Community Forest Restoration Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 16, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3632, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act of 2000; H.R. 4063, Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establishment Act of 2000; and H.R. 4125, to provide a grant under the urban park and recreation recovery program to assist in the development of a Millennium Cultural Cooperative Park in Youngstown, Ohio, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 17, full committee, hearing on H.R. 3999, Virgin Islands and Guam Constitutional Self-Government Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Assessing future needs and uses of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund established under Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to continue oversight hearings to examine the

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May 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, to mark up pending business; followed by a hearing on H.R. 2798, Pacific Salmon Recovery Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 18, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2267, Willing Seller Amendments of 1999 to the National Trails System Act; H.R. 2409, El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act of 1999; H.R. 2833, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 1999; H.R. 2919, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act; H.R. 3661, General Aviation Access Act; followed by a hearing on Examining the laws, policies, practices, and operations of the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, and other agencies pertaining to payments to their employees, including payments relative to mineral royalty programs and policies from public lands and Indian lands; and H.R. 4115, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; followed by a hearing on H.R. 4275, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 15, to consider H.R. 4425, Making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2001, 6:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 17, hearing on a Plan to Renew Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education in Kindergarten through 12th Grade: H.R. 4271, National Science Education Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 17, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Space Science, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 16, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Trade with China Helps Small Business Exporters Work, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 15

Senate Chamber

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